Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS
Part XLV. Medical Professions
Subpart 3. Practice

Chapter 65. Dispensation of Medications
Subchapter A. General Provisions

§6501. Scope of Chapter

A. The Rules of this Chapter govern the dispensation of drugs, chemicals, and medications by physicians. These Rules are not intended to alter or modify the effect or applicability of state and federal laws and regulations governing the acquisition, possession, maintenance, prescription, dispensation, or administration of, or accounting for, legally controlled substances and other drugs and medications, but are complimentary and supplementary to such laws and regulations.

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§6503. Definitions

A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings specified.

Administer¥with respect to a medication provided or dispensed by a physician for use by a patient, the term *administered* means directly or through an agent to give, provide, or supply for immediate oral ingestion, insertion, or topical application by the patient, or to insert, apply topically, or inject intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously, intrathecally, or extrathecally.

Board¥the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

Bona Fide Medication Sample¥a medication, other than a controlled substance, packaged by the original manufacturer thereof in such quantity as does not exceed a reasonable therapeutic dosage for a period in excess of one week and provided at no cost to a physician for administration or dispensation to a patient at no cost to the patient.

Controlled Substance¥any medication or other substance which is designated as a controlled substance and regulated as such under Louisiana or federal law or regulations.

Dispense¥with respect to a drug, chemical, medication, or controlled substance, the term *dispense* means to give, provide, or supply for later oral ingestion, insertion, application, injection, or other use.

Drug¥synonymous with *medication*, as defined herein.

Medical Firm¥a partnership of physicians engaged in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana or a corporation lawfully organized, existing, and engaged in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana pursuant to the Professional Medical Corporations Act, as the same may be amended from time to time, as codified at R.S. 12:901-15.

Medical Practice Act or *the Act*¥may be amended from time to time, as codified at R.S. 37:1261-92.

Medication¥any chemical, potion, compound, mixture, suspension, solution, or other substance or material, natural or synthetic, recognized and listed in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, which is lawfully produced, manufactured, sold, or provided and intended and approved for medical, diagnostic, therapeutic, or preventative use in and by humans.

Physician¥a person lawfully entitled to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by a current license or permit duly issued by the board.

Registrant¥a physician who is registered with the board as a dispensing physician in accordance with Subchapter C of this Chapter.

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Subchapter B. Prohibitions and Sanctions

§6505. Prohibitions

A. No physicians shall dispense any medication, other than a bona fide medication sample, except in strict compliance with the Louisiana and federal law and regulations applicable thereto and with the rules of this Chapter.

B. On and after December 1, 1987, no physician shall dispense any medication, other than a bona fide medication sample, unless he is currently registered with the board as a dispensing physician, in accordance with Subchapter C of this Chapter, and the physician's dispensation of medications is within the scope of such registration.

C. No physician shall dispense any medication except in the usual and ordinary course of his medical practice for a legitimate medical purpose.

D. No physician shall dispense any medication upon the prescription of another practitioner.

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§6507. Action against Medical License

A. Violation of the prohibitions set forth in §6505 shall be deemed to constitute just cause for the suspension, revocation, refusal to issue, or the imposition of probationary or other restrictions on any license or permit to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana held or applied for by a physician culpable of such violation, or for other administrative action as the board may in its discretion determine to be necessary or appropriate, under R.S. 37:1285.A(6) and R.S. 1285.A(30).

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§6509. Action against Registration

A. For noncompliance with any of the provisions of this Chapter, the board may, in addition to or in lieu of administrative proceedings pursuant to the preceding paragraph, suspend, revoke, or cancel a physician's registration as a dispensing physician or impose such restrictions or conditions on the physician's authority to dispense medications as the board may deem necessary or appropriate.

B. The board may suspend, revoke, or cancel a physician's registration as a dispensing physician or impose such restrictions or conditions on the physician's authority to dispense medications as the board may deem necessary or appropriate, upon a finding of the existence of any of the causes enumerated by R.S. 37:1285.

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§6511. Reinstatement of Registration

A. The board may reinstate any registration which has been suspended, revoked, canceled, conditioned, or restricted by the board; provided, however, that no registration which has been revoked or canceled shall be reinstated by the board within five years of the effective date of such revocation or cancellation.

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Subchapter C. Registration

§6513. Eligibility for Registration as a Dispensing Physician

A. To be eligible for registration as a dispensing physician, a physician shall:

1. possess a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine duly issued by the board; and

2. possess a current, unrestricted license to prescribe, dispense, and administer controlled substances duly issued by the Office of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, Department of Health and Human Resources, state of Louisiana, and be currently registered to prescribe, dispense, and administer controlled substances, without restriction, with the Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice.

B. A physician shall be deemed ineligible for registration as a dispensing physician who:

1. has been convicted, whether upon verdict, judgment, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere, of any crime constituting a felony under the laws of the United States or of any state, or who has entered into a diversion program, a deferred prosecution or other agreement in lieu of the institution of criminal charges or prosecution for such crime;

2. has been convicted, whether upon verdict, judgment, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere, of any crime an element of which is the manufacture, production, possession, use, distribution, sale or exchange of any controlled substance or who has entered into a diversion program, a deferred prosecution or other agreement in lieu of the institution of criminal charges or prosecution for such crime;

3. has, within the five years preceding application for registration, abused or excessively used any medication, alcohol, or other substance which can produce physiological or psychological dependence or tolerance or which acts as a central nervous system stimulant or depressant;

4. has voluntarily surrendered or had suspended, revoked or restricted, his narcotics controlled substance license, permit or registration (state or federal);

5. has had his professional license suspended, revoked or placed on probation or restriction in any manner by the board or by any licensing authority, or who has agreed not to seek re-licensure, voluntarily surrendered, or entered into an agreement with the board or with any licensing authority in lieu of the institution of disciplinary charges or action against such license;

6. has had an application for professional examination or license rejected or denied;

7. has been denied, had suspended, revoked, restricted, or voluntarily relinquished, staff or clinical privileges in any hospital or other health care institution or organization;

8. has been, or is currently in the process of being, denied, terminated, suspended, refused, limited, placed on probation or under other disciplinary action with respect to his participation in any private, state, or federal health insurance program; or

9. has had any court determine that he is currently in violation of a court's judgment or order for the support of dependent children.

C. The board may deny registration to an otherwise eligible physician for any of the causes enumerated by R.S. 37:1285 or any other violation of the provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

D. The burden of satisfying the board as to the qualifications and eligibility of the physician-applicant for registration as a dispensing physician shall be upon the applicant. An applicant shall not be deemed to possess such qualifications unless the applicant demonstrates and evidences such qualifications in the manner prescribed by, and to the satisfaction of, the board.

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§6515. Registration Procedure

A. Application for registration as a dispensing physician shall be made upon forms supplied by the board.

B. Application forms and instructions pertaining thereto may be obtained upon written request directed to the office of the board, Suite 100, 830 Union Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. Application forms will be mailed by the board within 30 days of the board's receipt of request therefor.

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§6517. Original Application

A. An application for registration as a dispensing physician under this Chapter shall include:

1. the applicant's full name, home address, and the municipal and post office addresses of each office or other location at which the applicant practices medicine in the state of Louisiana;

2. the name, municipal and post office address of the medical firm or firms, if any, with which the applicant is associated, and the full names of all physician partners or employees of such firm or firms;

3. the applicant's Louisiana controlled dangerous substance license number and the applicant's United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) controlled substance registration number;

4. the municipal and post office addresses and telephone number of each location at which the applicant dispenses or proposes to dispense medications;

5. a designation of the schedules, classes, types, or specific medications which the applicant dispenses or proposes to dispense;

6. certification by affidavit or other proof, documented in a form satisfactory to the board as specified by the secretary, that the applicant possess the qualifications for registration set forth by this Chapter; and

7. such other information and documentation as the board may require to evidence qualification for registration as a dispensing physician.

B. The board may refuse to consider any application which is not complete in every detail and may, in its discretion require a more detailed or complete response to any request for information set forth in the application form as a condition to consideration of an application.

C. Each original or initial application for registration as a dispensing physician shall be accompanied by a fee of $75.

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§6519. Effect of Application

A. The submission of an application for registration as a dispensing physician shall have the same effect as the submission of an application for medical licensure, as provided in Board Rule 3.23 (to be codified at §1145 of these rules).

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§6521. Certification of Registration

A. If the qualifications, requirements, and procedures prescribed or incorporated by §§6513 to 6517 are met to the satisfaction of the board, the board shall issue to the applicant certification of registration as a dispensing physician bearing the Dispensing Physician Registration Number (DPRN). The original of such certificate, or a duplicate thereof certified by the board, shall be maintained at each location at which the registrant dispenses medications.

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§6523. Expiration of Registration

A. Registration with the board as a dispensing physician under this Chapter shall expire, and thereby become null, void, and to no effect, on the last day of the year for which such registration was made and certified.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of §6523.A, every registration issued by the board under this Chapter, to be effective on or after January 1, 1999, and each year thereafter, shall expire, and thereby become null, void and to no effect

the following year on the first day of the month in which the registrant was born.

C. The timely submission of an application for renewal of registration as a dispensing physician, as provided by §6525 of this Chapter, shall operate to continue the expiring registration in effect pending certification of renewal registration or other final action by the board on such application for renewal.

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§6525. Renewal of Registration

A. Registration as a dispensing physician under this Chapter shall be renewed annually on or before its date of expiration by submitting to the board an application for renewal, upon forms supplied by the board, together with a registration renewal fee of $50.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of §6525.A, every registration issued by the board under this Chapter to be effective on or after January 1, 1999, shall be renewed in the year 2000, and each year thereafter, on or before the first day of the month in which the registrant was born. Renewal fees shall be prorated if the registration is to be effective for more than one year.

C. An application for registration renewal form shall be mailed by the board to each registrant at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the registration each year. Such form shall be mailed to the most recent address of each registrant as reflected in the official records of the board.

D. Registration as a dispensing physician which has expired by virtue of nonrenewal shall not be reinstated by the board except upon the applicant's satisfaction of the qualifications, requirements and procedures prescribed by this Chapter for original application for registration.

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Subchapter D. Recordkeeping

§6527. Purchases, Acquisitions

A. Each registrant shall maintain current, accurate, complete, and readily retrievable records of all transactions by which the registrant orders, purchases, acquires, receives, or otherwise comes into possession or custody of medications, other than bona fide medication samples, for dispensation or administration to patients.

B. The records required to be maintained by this section shall include:

1. a record of each order, purchase, or other acquisition made or placed by the registrant for medications, including:

a. a photocopy, counterfoil carbon copy, or other duplicate of each original order or purchase form;

b. the full name and address of the person, firm, or entity from whom the medications were ordered, purchased, or otherwise acquired;

c. the date of the order, purchase, or other acquisition; and

d. the generic chemical or trade name, quantity, or amount, and dosage strength of each medication ordered, purchased, or otherwise acquired; and

2. a record of the delivery or receipt by the registrant of medications ordered, purchased, or otherwise acquired, including:

a. the original, photocopy, counterfoil carbon copy, or other duplicate of each receiving invoice for medications;

b. the full name and address of the person, firm, or entity from whom the medications were delivered or received;

c. the date of the delivery or receipt; and

d. the generic chemical or trade name, quantity or amount, and dosage strength of each medication delivered or received; and

e. the name of the person taking physical delivery or receipt of such medications on behalf of the registrant.

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§6529. Medication Inventories

A. Each registrant shall maintain current, accurate, and complete records, in writing or electronically recorded so as to be readily convertible into writing, of the generic chemical or trade name, and exact quantity or amount and location of all medications in the registrant's possession or custody, which records shall, not less frequently than monthly, be updated to reflect and account for all purchases, acquisitions, dispensations, transfers, losses of, or other transactions involving the medications in the registrant's possession.

B. Not less frequently than quarterly during each calendar year, each registrant shall conduct or cause to be conducted a physical inventory of all medications in the possession or custody of the registrant for each location at which the registrant maintains or stores medications and shall conduct reasonable inquiry to determine and to record the nature and cause of any discrepancy between such physical inventory and the kind and amount of medications evidenced by the records required under the preceding paragraph of this section. A record of each such quarterly physical inventory and reconciliation shall be made and retained by the registrant.

C. A registrant shall conduct or cause to be conducted a physical inventory of all medications in the possession or custody of the registrant for each location at which the registrant maintains or stores medication and shall conduct reasonable inquiry to determine and to record the nature and cause of any discrepancy between such physical inventory and the kind and amount of medications evidenced by the records required under §6529.A, within 20 days of the date on which:

1. a registrant's license to practice medicine or registration as a dispensing physician is suspended, revoked, canceled, or expires by virtue of nonrenewal;

2. the registrant terminates, concludes, sells, assigns, or retires from his practice of medicine; or

3. medications in the registrant's possession are seized under executory process, sequestration, attachment, bankruptcy, or by authority of any federal, state, or local regulatory or law enforcement agency.

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§6531. Dispensation Records

A. Each registrant shall, concurrently with the dispensation or administration of any medication, record the generic chemical or trade name of any medication dispensed or administered, other than bona fide medication samples, the quantity or amount and dosage strength of such medication, the date on which such medication was dispensed or administered, and the full name and address of the patient to whom or for whom such medication was dispensed or administered.

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§6533. Other Transaction Records

A. A registrant shall, concurrently with the transfer or delivery of any medication in his possession to any other location or with the sale, delivery, return, or other transfer of any medication to any other registrant, physician, person, firm, or entity, other than by dispensation to a patient, record the generic chemical or trade name of any medication so sold, delivered, returned, or transferred, the quantity or amount and dosage strength of such medication, the date on which such medication was sold, delivered, returned, or transferred, and the name, address, and DEA registration number of the person, firm, or entity to whom such medication was sold, delivered, returned, or otherwise transferred.

B. Each registrant shall, with respect to any medication intentionally disposed of or destroyed, concurrently with such destruction or disposal, record the generic chemical or trade name, quantity or amount, and dosage strength of such medication, the date of its destruction or disposal and the reasons for or circumstances surrounding its destruction or disposal.

C. A registrant shall record the generic chemical and trade name, quantity and amount, and dosage strength of any medication lost, stolen, accidentally destroyed, or otherwise unaccounted for, together with the date of and reasons for or circumstances surrounding such loss, theft, accidental destruction, or other such disposition.

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§6535. Separate Maintenance Records for Schedule II Substances

A. All records required to be maintained by this Subchapter relating to medications designated as Schedule II controlled substances by state or federal law or regulations shall be maintained separately from all such records relating to other medications.

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§6537. Computerized Records

A. Any record required by this Subchapter, other than original or duplicate order and receiving invoice forms and prescriptions, may be recorded and stored on a computerized, electronic data processing system provided that such system is designed so as to ensure that the records and information so recorded are accurate, complete, and readily retrievable and convertible to hard copy printout and provided further that such system satisfies standards of security prescribed by §§6549 to 6551.

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§6539. Retention of Records

A. All records and documents required by this Subchapter shall be securely maintained, in accordance with the standards of security prescribed by §6547, for a period of not less than five years from the date on which the subject data is first recorded.

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§6541. Board Access to Records

A. The records required by this Subchapter shall be available for examination, inspection, copying, and verification of accuracy, currency, and completeness by the board or its designated employee or agent at any reasonable time, but without the necessity of prior notice by the board. The failure or refusal of a registrant to make such records available to the board pursuant to this section shall constitute a violation of these rules subjecting the registrant to suspension or revocation of medical licensure or registration as a dispensing physician.

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Subchapter E. Labeling and Packaging

§6543. Labeling

A. No registrant shall dispense any medication, other than a bona fide medication sample, unless the bottle, package, or other container for such medication bear a securely-affixed indelible, legible, typewritten, or printed label including:

1. the name and address of the registrant;

2. the name of the patient to whom or for whom dispensed;

3. the generic chemical or trade name, quantity or amount, dosage form, and strength of the medication dispensed;

4. the date of dispensation; and

5. appropriate directions for self-administration, ingestion, insertion, application, or injection by the patient.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 13:573 (October 1987).

§6545. Packaging for Dispensation

A. Medications shall be dispensed in such bottles, containers, or other packages as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to safeguard the dispensed medication against contamination, adulteration or deterioration, or spillage or other inadvertent loss.

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Subchapter F. Security

§6547. Storage of Medications

A. All medications in the possession of a registrant shall be physically stored and maintained in such location and in such manner as to reasonably secure all such medications against contamination, adulteration, deterioration, loss, accidental destruction, theft, and access or use by unauthorized persons.

B. Medications which are Schedule II controlled substances shall, in addition, be stored and maintained in a metal cabinet, box, safe, vault, or other container of suitable strength and in such location as to safeguard such medication against loss or destruction by fire, flood, or other accidental causes. Such repository shall further be equipped with a secure lock so as to prevent theft of or unauthorized access to or use of such medications.

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§6549. Security for Records

A. The records and documents required under Subchapter D of these Rules shall be kept, stored, and maintained in such location and manner as to reasonably secure such records and documents against lost, destruction, theft, or access by unauthorized persons.

B. All records and documents required under Subchapter D of these rules relating to Schedule II controlled substances shall be kept, stored, and maintained in such manner and in such location as is specified by §6547 for the storage of Schedule II controlled substances.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 13:573 (October 1987).

§6551. Maintenance of Computerized Records

A. Records, information, and data recorded and stored on computerized, electronic data processing equipment, as permitted by this Chapter, shall be periodically, and not less frequently than monthly, duplicated on electronic/magnetic media or converted to hard copy printout, and such duplicate media or printout shall be stored and maintained separately from the central or original data memory in accordance with the standards of security prescribed by §6549.

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Subchapter G. Reporting

§6553. Theft or Unexplained Loss of Controlled Substances

A. Any theft or unexplained loss of controlled substances in the possession of a registrant shall be reported by the registrant to the board, in writing, within 10 days of the date of the registrant's discovery of such theft or loss, but in no event later than 10 days following the completion of the quarterly physical inventory next following such theft or loss. Such

written report shall state the date or estimated date of such theft or loss, the generic chemical or trade name, amount or quantity, and dosage form and strength of any medications stolen or lost and a detailed description of the circumstances surrounding the theft or loss.

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§6555. Termination of Practice or Dispensation

A. Not later than 10 days following the date on which a registrant terminates, concludes, sells, assigns, or retires from his practice of medicine or ceases dispensation and administration of medications, the registrant shall report the same to the board in writing. Upon completion of the physical inventory and reconciliation required in such event by §6529 hereof, the registrant shall deliver to the board a copy of such physical inventory record and reconciliation, together with his certificate of registration as a dispensing physician.

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§6557. Diversion of Medications

A. A registrant shall immediately report to the board, in writing, any known or reasonably suspected instance of diversion of medications to unauthorized use or possession by any patient or any other person.

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§6559. Other Reporting Requirements Unaffected

A. The reporting requirements imposed by this Subchapter do not relieve a registrant of any other reporting requirements imposed by existing state or federal laws or regulations.

B. Any report required by this Subchapter which is also required to be made in substantially the same form and content to any other regulatory or law enforcement agency by state or federal law or regulations may be made by submitting to the board, within the time prescribed by this Subchapter, a photocopy or other duplicate of the reporting form submitted or to be submitted to any such state or federal agency.

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Subchapter H. Registrant Responsibilities

§6561. Personal Responsibility

A. A registrant is personally responsible for knowledge of and compliance with the provisions, requirements, and procedures set forth in this Chapter and with knowledge of and compliance with all other federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to the purchase, acquisition, possession, storage, maintenance, and dispensation of and recordkeeping and reporting for medication.

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